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On Tuesday, August 7, from 5:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., City officials will partner with Alexandria Police to celebrate the 29th Annual National Night Out.

For more information about this event, visit www.nationalnightout.org.

ALEXANDRIA POLICE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO THE K-9 UNIT

On Thursday, May 24, the Police Department held a graduation ceremony for the graduates of the Basic K-9 School, hosted by the Alexandria Police Department's K-9 Unit. The ceremony was held at the Police Department's K-9 Facility, located at 1108 Jefferson Street. Three Alexandria Police K-9 teams, one Arlington County Police K-9 team and one Prince William County Police K-9 team participated in the Basic K-9 School which started on February 13.

The new K-9 teams are:

- Officer Douglass Serven and K-9 "Trajan"
- Officer Carlos Rolon and K-9 "Czekaj"
- Officer Brian Fromm and K-9 "Odin"
- Officer Thomas Buckley and K-9 "Hugo" - Arlington County Police Department
- Officer Jay Gutschmidt and K-9 "Loki" - Prince William County Police Department

The five teams completed a 14-week training course in all areas of police K-9 work, including instruction on obedience, evidence recovery, suspect search, tracking, agility, criminal apprehension, building search and tactical deployments with canine. The class was taught by lead trainer K-9 Officer Carlos Rolon, who has been with the Department since 1998 and in the K-9 Unit since 2004.



The members of the graduating K-9 class pose for a picture at the Police Department's K-9 Facility.



K-9 "Trajan" leaps during an agility demonstration.



K-9 Officer Brian Fromm and "Odin" run following an obedience demonstration.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

EARL L. COOK, CHIEF OF POLICE



Patrolling the streets of Alexandria is the first assignment a police officer works after graduating from the academy. As first responders, the experiences and lessons learned are invaluable. However, the hard work that comes in the aftermath of an incident is an equally vital part of any police department. Detectives investigate tirelessly to identify clues. Crime Scene Investigators work to identify a victim or narrow down a search. The gratification that comes with solving a crime or providing closure to a victim or family is what our line of work is all about.

In order for officers and detectives to continue to prevent and solve crime they must have the trust and confidence of the community. The continued historic crime lows in Alexandria should allow residents to feel a heightened sense of security. While I am extremely proud of the men and women of the police department for maintaining these historic lows I know we did not do it alone. Teamwork between officers, civilian staff, volunteers, and residents is a part of how we do business as a department. Residents provide us with information and insights that allow officers to continue to solve crime and, in some cases, prevent it from happening. I want to thank residents for contributing to the successes this department has experienced over the past year. With the support we've received from the City Manager and City Council, it is my hope that we build on this remarkable partnership with our citizens to work together and make Alexandria the best place to work, live and visit.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earl L. Cook".

Earl L. Cook
Chief of Police

DETECTIVE STACEY IVIE HONORED BY ALEXANDRIA JAYCEES

On May 17, Detective Stacey Ivie was awarded the Charles W. Hill Award by the Alexandria Jaycees. She was presented with the award during the Jaycee's Community Appreciation Night ceremony held at City Hall. Detective Ivie was given the award for her dedicated work throughout the City.

Detective Stacey Ivie has had an illustrious career with the Alexandria Police Department. She has over ten years of service and continues to dedicate her time to helping the community. For the last seven years, Detective Ivie has served in investigative units that have afforded her opportunities to become a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) instructor, assist immigrant victims of crime with visa applications, distribute emergency cell phones to lower income areas, combat welfare fraud, and educate senior citizens on scams that target the elderly. She has made use of local news media outlets and given presentations at the Goodwin House in order to educate residents of Alexandria about these crimes.

Detective Ivie flourished in her assignment with the Financial Crimes Unit. She investigated cases that not only targeted citizens of Alexandria but international citizens as well. She obtained convictions in both local and federal courts and has received the praise of prosecutors on both levels.



Lieutenant Jack Compton presents
Detective Ivie with her award on
May 17.

CONNECT WITH THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

The Alexandria Police Department has added two new channels for sharing public information and engaging the Alexandria community. Facebook and Twitter users can now connect with APD to get up-to-the-minute information about police department news, activities, events, programs, community outreach and more!

You can "Like" APD on Facebook at facebook.com/AlexandriaVAPD, and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/AlexandriaVAPD. Once you've connected, be sure to share and retweet our information to help spread the word.

For more information, visit alexandriava.gov/Police.

ALEXANDRIA POLICE CONGRATULATE 27TH CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES

On Wednesday, May 23, 25 Alexandria residents graduated from the Alexandria Police Department's 27th Citizens' Police Academy. A graduation ceremony for the residents was held at 6:30 p.m. at Police Department Headquarters, 3600 Wheeler Avenue. Chief Cook spoke to congratulate the graduating class on their accomplishment.

The Police Citizens' Academy was held every Wednesday from 6:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. at the Police Department's new Headquarters. The 10-week Alexandria Citizens' Police Academy provided an opportunity for residents to learn about various aspects of the Police Department, such as administrative philosophy, internal policies and the guiding principles of law and ethical conduct governing the delivery of police services. Classes were a combination of lecture and interactive activities. Class topics included patrol operations, gangs, crime prevention, crime scene investigations, criminal investigations and the Special Operations team. The program was offered free of charge.



Members of the 27th Citizens' Police Academy pose with Chief Cook following the graduation ceremony on May 23.

The curriculum covered the core elements that are essential for participants to gain a greater understanding of police operations. As a result of their participation, residents can make more informed judgments about the Alexandria Police Department and its daily operations. The Police Department is simultaneously able to acquire a greater understanding of the views and concerns of the community through an enhanced relationship with the public. The next Academy begins September 5, and applications are due by August 15, for more information visit alexandriava.gov/police.

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use Facebook
or Twitter to
report crimes.**

**Call 911 for
emergencies or
703.746.4444
for non-
emergencies.**

POLICE PARTICIPATE IN TAKE 25 EVENT

On Friday, May 25, the Beatley Central branch of Alexandria Library, in partnership with the



Channel 9 Reporter Peggy Fox films as a local child is fingerprinted by Police Volunteer Ginny Obranovich.

National Center For Missing & Exploited Children, hosted "Take 25," an event to commemorate National Missing Children's Day. The Police Department assisted by fingerprinting local children and providing a safety presentation for parents to learn about ways to keep their children safe. Police volunteers fingerprinted approximately 60 children. The Department's Special Operations Team vehicle and Crime Scene Investigations van were also on hand for residents to tour.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING EARNS LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION

The new Police Headquarters Facility has been awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. The Green Building Certification Institute administers the LEED certification program, which provides independent, third-party verification that a building was designed and constructed using strategies that achieve high performance in the following areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.



The facility incorporates water efficient fixtures that reduce water by 30 percent.

The Police Headquarters building was designed to attain more the 30 percent energy savings, due to its improved building envelope, high efficient glazing, occupancy sensors and energy efficient mechanical equipment. A 30,000 gallon irrigation tank was installed to collect stormwater and reuse it for irrigation.

The Police Headquarters facility was also recently chosen by Environmental Design + Construction Magazine as the winner of the Excellence in Design Award in their 2012 program. The facility, a winner in the Government/Institutional category, will be featured in the magazine's October print and online issues.

POLICE HONOR VOLUNTEERS AT 23RD ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY



Police Department volunteers celebrate following the Volunteer Awards Ceremony on May 1.

On May 1, volunteers from the Police Department were honored for their exceptional service to the community during the 23rd Annual Awards Ceremony. Police Department volunteers serve in vital roles essential

to public safety, from translating for patrol officers to helping with accreditation.

The awards that were presented include the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for 100 to 500 committed hours. Volunteers were also presented with Years of Service Awards for five, 15, and 20 years with the Police Department. Special recognition was given to four volunteers who committed over 4,000 service hours. Richard Muller (5,897 hours), Converse West (5,234 hours), Conrad Zimmick (4,355 hours) and Calvin Fox (10,109 hours and a 20 Year Service Award Recipient) were all honored as Pacesetters Club Members, the highest honor a volunteer can receive.

CHIEF EARL COOK GRADUATES FROM FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

On June 18, Chief Earl L. Cook graduated from the 249th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Chief Cook was one of 264 law enforcement officers who graduated from the 10-week training program. The most recent session included men and women from local county and state agencies, the District of Columbia, 25 countries, four military organizations and four federal civilian organizations.

Chief Cook began his career as a police academy recruit in January 1979. Upon graduation, he worked in patrol and criminal investigations until 1989. Over the next six years, he was advanced to sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief. As assistant chief, he managed the Investigations Bureau, and was named deputy chief in that role three years later. In 2006, he rose to Executive Deputy Chief, serving as second in command; acting for the Police Chief in his absence; and providing significant direction on the Department's policy and budget. He was named Chief of Police on August 25, 2009.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the FBI National Academy, held at the FBI Academy, offers advanced investigative, management and fitness training. Training for the program is provided by the FBI Academy instructional staff, special agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise.

ALEXANDRIA POLICE CONGRATULATE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM GRADUATES

On Friday, June 8, seven police officers graduated from the Crisis Intervention Team's training academy. A graduation ceremony was held at Police Department Headquarters.

The Alexandria Police Department and Sheriff's Office developed the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) through a partnership with the Department of Mental Health. The team is comprised of highly skilled and trained police officers who function as part of regular police patrol. These officers receive 40 hours of specialized training in the recognition of psychiatric disorders, suicide intervention, substance abuse issues, verbal de-escalation techniques, the role of the family in the care of a person with mental illness, and legal training in mental health and substance abuse issues. In addition to classroom instruction, officers also participate in role playing exercises and spend an entire day visiting mental health and substance abuse inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities.

CIT is based on a model developed by the Memphis Police Department in 1988 following a Police shooting of a mentally ill person. It has been adopted in communities in 45 states. The training educates and prepares officers who come into contact with people with mental illnesses to recognize the symptoms of these illnesses and respond effectively to individuals in crisis. The trained CIT officer is skilled at de-escalating these crises while bringing an element of understanding and compassion to these difficult situations.

ALEXANDRIA POLICE PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

On June 7, members of the Alexandria Police Department, along with other City employees, participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, benefiting Special Olympics Virginia, as it passed through the Northern Virginia area. Officers carried the Flame of Hope from the Washington Sailing Marina near Ronald Reagan National Airport to Jones Point, a leg of almost four miles.

Each June, more than 2,000 law enforcement officers carry the Flame of Hope more than 1,900 miles across Virginia to kick off the Summer Games in Richmond. For the officers, it's about more than carrying the torch for Special Olympics Virginia. It's a mission; a serious commitment by the Virginia Law Enforcement community to pay homage to our heroes – the Special Olympics Virginia athletes and their



Deputy Chief Eddie Reyes carries the Flame of Hope as runners near the end of their run.

families.

Since 1986, police departments, sheriff's offices, regional jails, correctional and probation officers, and other law enforcement agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), pound the pavement every day to organize fundraisers and more importantly, promote the mission of Special Olympics. The Alexandria Police Department has been partnering with Special Olympics Virginia almost since the inception of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, raising funds and awareness about intellectual disabilities.

For more information, visit the Torch Run website at www.torchrunva.com.



The four mile course took participants through the heart of Old Town.



POLICE K-9 “AJAX” RETIRES

Ajax was born on April 15, 2003 in Slovakia. He was named “Jalk.” In October 2004, Officer Carlos Rolon was assigned to the Alexandria Police Department’s K-9 Unit. His search for a police dog led him to “Jalk.” Officer Rolon changed “Jalk’s” name to “Ajax.” Ajax and Officer Rolon completed Basic Patrol Dog School in January 2005. Ajax also became helicopter certified by the United States Park Police.

In 2006, Ajax completed drug school. He was certified by the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) through 2008 and again in 2010. He was narcotics certified from 2006 to 2011 and tracking certified from 2005 to 2011. He was awarded the USPCA Triple Crown (tracking, patrol work and detection) from 2006 to 2008 and 2010. In 2011, Ajax was part of the Department’s K-9 team that was first in Narcotics Certification. In 2007, Ajax and other officers were assigned to locate a suspect known as the “Del Ray Burglar,” who was targeting local businesses. Officers spotted the suspect but could not catch the suspect. Ajax tracked and located



the suspect, leading to an arrest.

In 2008, Ajax became a member of the Special Operations Team. He assisted with searches and clearing crime scenes. In 2010, Ajax was honored at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards Ceremony with a bronze medal for the apprehension of a suspect and locating evidence during a bank robbery. He was honored again in 2011 with a silver medal for assisting in locating and apprehending a carjacking suspect in City Hall.

On May 16, Ajax retired as a police K-9. He gave his police car to his brother and new police K-9, “Czekaj.” His retirement comes just in time for pool season!

POLICE K-9 “TITAN” RETIRES

Titan was born on March 3, 2002, in Slovakia. He was named “Sany.” In November 2004, Officer Brian Fromm was assigned to the Alexandria Police Department’s K-9 Unit. His search for a police dog led him to “Sany.” Officer Fromm changed his name to “Titan.” Officer Fromm and Titan graduated from Basic Patrol Dog School in February 2005. Titan graduated from the United States Park Police Drug Dog class in November 2006. He earned a Triple Crown (tracking, patrol work and narcotic detection) certification with the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA). He achieved this certification from 2006 through 2009. Titan certified in tracking and narcotic detection until his retirement. In 2006, Titan was dispatched to an

incident in Del Ray. A suspect from an armed carjacking in Arlington had traveled into the City and officers were searching for him throughout the neighborhood. Titan was able to track the suspect and located him hiding in a green trash bin.

In 2007, Titan received a bronze medal at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards. Titan chased and apprehended a suspect involved in a shooting in the Samuel Madden community. In 2008, Titan assisted in an incident where a suspect robbed a female in Washington, DC, and took a cab to his home in Alexandria. The man robbed the cab driver then fled. Titan tracked the suspect to his residence. The suspect was not home, however, detectives identified and later arrested him. For this case, Titan received an award from the U.S. District Attorney’s Office in 2011.

On February 13, Titan retired as a police K-9. He gave his police car to his new brother and police K-9, “Odin.” Titan plans to chase squirrels in the backyard in his retirement.



CAPTAIN WILLIAM JOHNSON RETIRES AFTER 37 YEARS OF SERVICE

On June 29, Captain William Johnson retired after 37 years of service to the Alexandria Police Department. At the time of his retirement, Captain Johnson was the longest serving member of the department.

Captain Johnson began his career with the Police Department in June 1975. He worked as a patrol officer until 1979 when he was promoted to sergeant. He served as a patrol sergeant for a year before being transferred to the Communications Section. He was moved back to patrol in 1981.

Captain Johnson became a sergeant in the Internal Investigations Section (II) in 1984. He served in II until 1989, when he was promoted to lieutenant. Johnson moved back to patrol, where he worked as a commander. In 1991, he was assigned as commander of the Special Operations Unit. He was only in this unit for six months when he was transferred to the Vice/Narcotics Unit. He served as the unit’s commander until 1995 when he briefly returned to II, this time as a commander.

Captain Johnson returned to patrol in 1996 where he served as a lieutenant for eight years. In 2004, He was promoted to captain. He continued to work in patrol as a commander until 2006 when he was assigned as commander of the Criminal Investigations Section. He held this position until he retired in June 2012.

Captain Johnson earned a Masters of Forensic Science degree from George Washington University in 1981, while working at the Police Department. He went on to graduate from the Police Executive Leadership course in 1987. In 1993, he completed the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and the DEA Drug Unit Commander Academy. He graduated from Police Executive Leadership School in 2001. He also completed the acclaimed FBI National Academy in 2010.

SERGEANT MORTON M. FORD (1946 - 2011)

Morton Marshall Ford III was born September 18, 1946, in Ronceverte, West Virginia, the son of Mary Louise and Morton Marshall, Jr. Known as Marty, he grew up in Newark, Ohio, and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1965. He served in the Vietnam War and was promoted to the rank of sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1969.

On December 21, 1969, Morty, as he would be known to his fellow officers, joined the Alexandria Police Department.

Around 6 p.m. on November 29, 1974, Officer Ford responded to a reported robbery at the State Alcoholic Beverage Control store at 901 N. Asaph St. Officer Ford radioed that he could see two subjects running toward a parking lot on Montgomery St. He was joined by Officers Ken Howard and James Ammons, all arriving in separate cruisers. As they approached, they were fired upon by occupants in a white vehicle. Officer Ford suffered a gunshot wound to the chest before two suspects were apprehended.

Officer Ford and one of the suspects who was shot in the gunfight were transported to Alexandria Hospital. Jesse Brewer, 50, later died of his injuries and a third suspect was arrested a couple days later. Jewell Holmes, 42, and Michael Leon Jones, 21, were charged with attempted murder and robbery.

Officer Ford underwent surgery and received multiple blood transfusions but survived the shooting and returned to duty several months later. However, he suffered serious health problems. It was discovered that he had contracted Hepatitis C from infected blood in a transfusion. Sergeant Ford's health continued to deteriorate and in early 2011, he was diagnosed with liver cancer as a result of Hepatitis C. Sergeant Ford died on June 18, 2011. He was survived by his brother Gary and sisters Lois and Connie. He is buried at Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonsville, West Virginia.

GOVERNOR HONORS SERGEANT MORTY FORD AND OTHER VIRGINIA FALLEN OFFICERS

On June 21, Governor Robert F. McDonnell and leaders of Virginia's law enforcement community paid tribute to six law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in Virginia in 2011. The annual Virginia Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Service was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Virginia Department of Transportation Auditorium in Richmond.

The following law enforcement officers were memorialized during the service:

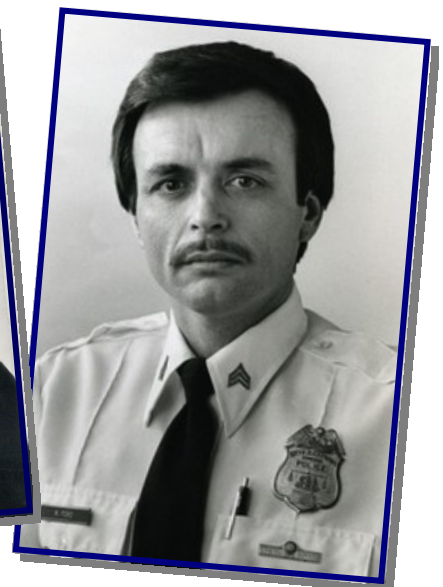
- **Deputy Sheriff C. Neil Justus & Deputy Sheriff William E. Stiltner**, Buchanan County Sheriff's Office. Deputies Justus and Stiltner were shot and killed while coming to the aid of their fellow deputies who had been fired upon by a sniper at the scene of a larceny in progress call on March 13, 2011.
- **Sergeant M.M. "Morty" Ford**, City of Alexandria Police

Department. Sergeant Ford died June 18, 2011, as a result of contracting Hepatitis C during a blood transfusion after being shot in the line of duty on Nov. 26, 1974.

- **Trooper Adam M. Bowen**, Virginia State Police. Trooper Bowen was killed when his patrol car was involved in a collision while responding to a call in King George County on June 24, 2011.
- **Police Officer I Deriek W. Crouse**, Virginia Tech Police Department. Officer Crouse was shot and killed during a traffic stop in the parking lot on the Virginia Tech campus on Dec. 8, 2011.
- **Officer Timothy B Schock**, City of Chesapeake Police Department. Officer Schock died during a training dive in the lake at Oak Grove Lake Park.



Sergeant Morton M. Ford III



PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS

OFFENSE	2011	2012	% CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	N/C
Rape	13	7	-46.15%
Robbery	62	71	14.52%
Aggravated Assault	61	56	-8.20%
Burglary	133	113	-15.04%
Larceny	1,357	1,173	-13.56%
Auto Theft	165	150	-9.09%
Total	1,791	1,570	-12.34%

*Crime statistics are for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2012, and are compared to the same period of the previous year. The numbers in the chart are raw and unverified. They are not the final crime statistic values for 2012 and may be changed by our review process.

ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION AND VALUES

The mission of the Alexandria Police Department is to provide competent, courteous, professional and community-oriented police services. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing a strong and productive partnership with the community to continue to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in all of Alexandria's neighborhoods. We are dedicated to protecting life and property while assuring fair and equal treatment to everyone.

Central to the Department's mission are the values that guide its work and decisions.

We, the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department, value:

- Human Life
- Dignity
- Integrity
- Laws and Constitution
- Excellence
- Accountability
- Cooperation
- Problem-solving
- Ourselves

2011 RETIREMENTS

Ed Abell
Jennifer Adcock
Bruni Confesi-Toro
Thomas Durkin
Anthony Gabriel
John Gregg
Garry Ground
Jesse Harman
Kim Hendrick
William Johnson
Peyton Jones
Wendy Maris
Terri Mucci

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